Strip-Out Phasing Checklist

Questions to sort removal items into earlier and later phases

Before Phase One

1. **Ask who arranges the hazardous material assessment**
   Older finishes and pipe wrap should be assessed before they are disturbed.
2. **Ask the municipal building department about permits**
   Confirm whether each phase needs its own permit.
3. **Ask who handles utility disconnects**
   Licensed trades lead on gas, electrical and plumbing.

Sort Each Removal Item

1. **Could something else depend on it coming out?**
   If yes, it likely belongs in an earlier phase.
2. **Is the wall or floor's role in the structure unclear?**
   Ask the building department or a qualified building professional first.
3. **Is it only cosmetic?**
   Cosmetic removal can often wait for the finish that replaces it.

At the Contractor Meeting

1. **What has to come out before anything else starts?**
   Get the answer in writing with the schedule.
2. **What can stay until the next phase?**
   Ask what stays in service and who protects it.

Bring this list to every quote meeting so the comparison is specific to your home.

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